SUBJECT No. 30.

More encouragement for the formation of Large Landed Estates.

Messrs. H. Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk, and Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Sufficient encouragement may be given for the formation of Large Landed Estates.

Dewan.—Rules with regard to the formation of Large Landed Estates have been published and what further encouragement do you want?

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Before the rules were brought into force, convenient plots could be selected and taken up for cultivation. Now convenient blocks are not available. Rules are not properly enforced. Once in three months, lands granted for the formation of such estates should be published in the *Gazette*. Disposal of *darkhasts* should be expedited.

Dewan.—Defects may be specifically brought to notice.

Revenue Commissioner.—The Deputy Commissioners have been asked to report how the scheme has been working and what modifications are called for in the rules to achieve better results. On receipt of their reports, the matter will be further considered. In the meantime, if you make any specific suggestions I shall forward them with my opinion to Government for consideration.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to dispose of applications for Large Landed Estates to prevent delay in their disposal, especially applications for small areas. The grantees should be given power to alienate the blocks without previous sanction.

Revenue Commissioner.—There is no objection to the alienation of the estates subject to the conditions on which they are granted. If, however, the grantee wishes to alienate the estate before his title thereto is complete, previous sanction is necessary. Otherwise, the object of the scheme will be defeated.

SUBJECT No. 31.

Creation of Large Landed ocoanut Estates.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur unicipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The cocoanut of Tiptur and other parts is a speciality. Every facility may be afforded for the spread of this cultivation, and quick growing cocoanut plants may be got and distributed. Even Ceylon cocoanuts may be got and planted here. They begin to yield within a period of three or four years. Each plant costs about Rs. 1-4-0 and it is rather too high. These plants may be supplied free.

Dewan.—The growth depends on the soil.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Good seeds may be obtained and tried here.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—Mr. Singri Nanjappa was sent to Ceylon at Government expense sometime ago. I think, he may himself get a few plants and experiment on

them. It is not worth while for Government to spend anything unnecessarily.

Second Member of Council.—It is not desirable to get such plants and distribute them without first knowing whether they will thrive here or not. We must first be sure of this before we spend any money. Why not you get a few plants from Ceylon and try an experiment? What concessions do you want from Government for carrying on the experiment?

Director of Agriculture.—The experiment must be tried here, before the plants can be obtained and distributed.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—If 100 good plants are supplied to me free of cost, I shall try the experiment. We have got cocoanut fertilisers, and Mr. Krumbiegel and Dr. Coleman have seen my farm and they are hopeful that such plants would thrive. These are the concessions I want.

Second Member of Council.—We shall ask the Agricultural Committee to afford all facilities to you in this matter.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—There are different varieties of cocoanut trees, some of them yield 4 to 5 times more than the ordinary ones. In the Madras Presidency, instead of unnecessarily spending money in planting more cocoanut trees, they have made experiments to increase the produce of each tree, by using chemical manure. No money need be spent on this account without knowing the results. No separate lands need be given for this purpose. We have Lalbagh and Sunkal farm where the experiment could be easily tried. We should first see whether the produce of each tree can be increased and by what means and secondly Government should open farms for varieties of trees. If this is done, then there will not be much need to get any cocoanut seed from Ceylon, which may not grow on our soil.

Dewan.—The matter will be referred to the Agricultural Board and we shall see what recommendations they will make.

SUBJECT NO. 32.

During Resurvey, land to be divided and marked off according to raiyats' enjoyment.

Mr. H. Krishnasastry, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishnasastry.—Though re-survey has been commenced in the Mysore Taluk, shares in land are not measured according to enjoyment and made into separate Survey numbers according to rules. If the rules are not enforced, long standing disputes cannot be settled, and litigation will increase. In the Madras Presidency, Panchayets are appointed to determine boundary and other disputes connected with land before resurvey commences. There should be such Panchayets here also and they should be authorised to settle such petty disputes.